

Applicants further respectfully request that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

41
18. (new) Camshaft comprising a cylindrical tube, cam and end pieces characterized in that the cylindrical tube has a tube length of from about 100 mm to 1500 mm, an outer diameter of from about 10 mm to 100 mm, and a wall thickness from about 0.5 mm to 10 mm, and is furnished with a fine crystalline compound stable phosphate layer and wherein the thickness of the fine crystalline compound stable phosphate layer amounts to from about three micrometers to 10 micrometers and wherein the cams are pressed with the inner diameter onto an outer diameter of the cylindrical tube furnished with the fine crystalline compound stable phosphate layer, and

wherein the end pieces are pressed with the outer diameter into an inner diameter of the cylindrical tube furnished with the fine crystalline compound stable phosphate layer.

19. (new) Camshaft according to claim 18 characterized in that the end pieces are pressed with their inner diameter onto the outer diameter of the cylindrical tube furnished with the fine crystalline compound stable phosphate layer.

H1
Cont

20. (new) Camshaft according to claim 18 characterized in that bearing rings are pressed with their inner diameter onto the outer diameter of the cylindrical tube furnished with the fine crystalline compound stable phosphate layer.